Modernization of autonomous minority colleges

2537. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps for modernization and upgradations of autonomous minority colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the funds spent during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Whereas University Grants Commission (UGC) provides Development Grant to eligible autonomous colleges for modernization and upgradation, including those established by the minorities subject to their being eligible under the UGC Scheme for the purpose. Details of financial assistance provided to Minority colleges is not maintained separately.

Funds for University of Madras

2538. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University of Madras has asked for Rs.100 crores from UGC as there is an urgent need to develop infrastructure such as hostel buildings for under privileged students, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds worth Rs.4,000 crores allocated for expansion of general higher education in the country remain stuck in files with Planning Commission and have not reached UGC;

(d) if so the details thereof;

(e) whether University of Madras had been granted only Rs.16 crores as development fund under Eleventh Plan while Pondicherry University which is much younger and small had been granted Rs.252 cores; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), no proposal has been received by it from the University of Madras seeking grants of Rs. 100.00 crores to develop the infrastructure of the University. However, a Special Grant of Rs.100.00 crore has been sanctioned on the occasion of 150th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Madras.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.